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SUBJECT: FY '75 CCP FOURTH QUARTER WAG MEETING

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1. WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ACTION GROUP (WAG) MEETING WAS HELD AUGUST 7 TO REVIEW FY '75 CCP AND DISTRIBUTE FY '76 CCP. FOLLOWING WERE REPRESENTED: STATE/EA/ROC, EA/EP, AND EB/OCA; EXIM BANK; AND COMMERCE/OIM AND OED/MAJOR PROJECTS.

2. WAG MEMBERS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION TIME TO EXIM EXPOSURE AND OPERATIONS AND MAJOR PROJECT SERVICES. EXIM REPS NOTED THAT WITH CLOSING OF HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE EMBASSY MAY HAVE TO SPEND MORE TIME ON EXIM OPERATIONS. FUTURE COUNTRY ACTION TEAM MEETINGS SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDRESS THIS DEVELOPMENT. MAJOR PROJECT REP REEMPHASIZED

WASHINGTON NEED FOR CONTINUING NEW-PROJECT REPORTING AND AD HOC UPDATES IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL STATUS REPORT, ALL WITH AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE. POST IS REMINDED THAT MAJOR PROJECT IS DEFINED AS FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND UP.

3. OTHER SPECIFIC TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM, USIS, EXPORT INFORMATION SERVICES, AND GENERAL REPORTING. POST IS CITED FOR STRONG PERFORMANCE IN FOLLOWING AREAS.

USIS, SUPPORT, EFFECTIVENESS OF VSMF, IMPROVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, PUBLICATION OF NEW-PRODUCT INFORMATION ADDRESSES TO NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND LISTING OF TRADE PRESS (WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON).

4. WAG MEMBERS APPRECIATE EMBASSY ATTENTION IN PAST FISCAL YEAR TO IMPLEMENTATION FIRST CCP. POST IS REMINDED THAT CCP PROGRAM SHOULD BE KEPT CURRENT AND MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY TIME IF JOINTLY AGREED BY WASHINGTON AND POST. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO KEEP PROGRAM CURRENT. NOTE ITEM 4 OF APPENDIX, P. 57, FY '76 CCP. POST ATTENTION IS ALSO DIRECTED TO REF B DIRECTIVE TO INCLUDE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RESULTS (CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT) IN LAST QUARTER CCP REPORTS.

5. FIRST QUARTER FY '76 WAG MEETING WILL INCLUDE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF '76 CCP-RELATED PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY USIS TAIWAN. ROBINSON

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